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In re Application of :
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ROBERT M. SLEPIAN : CIRCUIT BREAKER INCLUDING
: INDEPENDENT LINK TO OPERATING HANDLE
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant identifies the patents listed on the attached Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO/SB/08A for consideration during prosecution of the subject patent application. Copies of the cited U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. See Pre-OG Notice "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003 (signed 11 July 2003)".

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the commonly assigned applications being filed concurrently herewith, as set forth on page 1, lines 5-25 of the specification. Copies of these applications, marked "COPY" on the first sheet thereof, are enclosed for convenience of reference by the Examiner.

The Examiner's attention is further directed to commonly assigned, co-pending application Serial No. 10/185,858, filed June 27, 2002 (Attorney Docket No. 01-EDP-036), as set forth at page 2, line 27 through page 3, line 9 of the specification. A copy of this application, marked "COPY" on the first sheet thereof, is also enclosed for convenience of reference by the Examiner.

Additional background information is discussed in the specification under the heading "Background Information."

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Respectfully submitted,



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